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Don't let them grind you down!

Workers who walked out last night reverting to the 39 hour week were right.

The arrogant attitude of David Schramm over the future of the Packard plant in Tallaght defies belief.

Despite having made no movement on the 42 laid off workers or the fate of the 400 lay offs, he demands unconditional surrender for the workers or he will close up shop.

Workers are right to stand up to his threats and bluster.

Pat Rabbitte disgracefully backed the management in calling on the workers to revert to the 41 hour week. This man has betrayed all those workers who voted for him in the hope that he would represent the interests of working class people.

The union leaders and shop stewards who called for workers to work the 41 hours shifts were mistaken. The last few months have proved that concessions to this company get you nowhere, they must be stood up to.

Schramm's threat of closure calls for a decisive response from workers. Workers should occupy the plant now while the workforce is still together to force the company to give cast iron assurances on the future of the plant.

Workers occupying now would prevent the company taking out the valuable equipment by helicopter -- as they did in 1987. Holding on to this equipment would prevent the company making a quick get-away.

Occupying would create the possiblity of mobilising a massive trade union and community campaign in support of the Tallaght workers.

It would also create a political stink that could force the government to save jobs in the area.

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